Thursday, December 6, 2007

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15

Subject: Approve a resolution amending the City's Municipal Annexation Plan (MAP) to include the Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area (approximately 359 acres located in Williamson County between Pond Springs Road and Parmer Lane on the north and south sides of Anderson Mill Road).

Amount and Source of Funding: Including an area in the Municipal Annexation Plan does not create an obligation to annex an area and does not have a fiscal impact. It begins a three-year process that may lead to annexation.

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Prior Council Action: The Fifth Amendment was adopted on December 15, 2005.

The amendment to the City of Austin's Municipal Annexation Plan is proposed for adoption in accordance with the requirements of Sec. 43.052 Texas Local Government Code regarding Municipal Annexation Plans.

The proposed amendment adds the Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area to City's Municipal Annexation Plan. If adopted, the amendment would be effective December 31, 2007. Adding areas to the Municipal Annexation Plan begins a three-year process leading to annexation. In this case, annexation would take place in December 2010.

The proposed Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area includes approximately 359 acres in Williamson County and is located between Pond Springs Road and Parmer Lane on the north and south sides of Anderson Mill Road. On the north side of Anderson Mill Road, the area includes the developed, Town and Country Park, Clear Creek Addition, Ganzert Park, Bailey Oaks, Jolly Oaks, Wayne Smith Estates, and a portion of Jefferson Center. On the south side of the road are the developed Estates at Hunters Chase, Deer Park/Live Oak, Springwoods Park, and Turtle Rock Estates neighborhoods, and the Round Rock Independent School District's Deerpark Middle School and Live Oak Elementary School.

The Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area is the area between and adjacent to the non-contiguous pieces of Springwoods MUD and is being added to the City of Austin's Municipal Annexation Plan so that its annexation will coincide with the annexation of the adjacent Springwoods MUD. Springwoods MUD is the subject of a Strategic Partnership Agreement and is exempt from the requirement to be included in the MAP. Annexation of the MUD is planned to take place in 2010 in accordance with a strategic partnership agreement (SPA). This MAP annexation provides the contiguity to the city limits required to annex the non-contiguous pieces of the MUD. In addition, this annexation will create efficiencies in service delivery, expand the city's tax base, and extend city regulations to the are